

**Literal, metonymic, or  
metaphoric (personified)?**

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- 1a. The president of the University of California stated that he did not intend to raise tuition next year.
- 1b. The University of California stated that it did not intend to raise tuition next year.
- 2a. Dempsy beat Lewis in a world championship boxing match.
- 2b. New England beat New York in the Super Bowl.
- 3a. Obama announced yesterday that he would investigate the claims about torture.
- 3b. The White House announced yesterday that it would investigate the claims about torture.

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- 4a. My car has died and can't be repaired. I guess all have to buy a new vehicle.
- 4b. My car has died and can't be repaired. I guess all have to buy some new wheels.
- 5a. Our account needs an infusion. Get yourself to the bank immediately.
- 5b. Our account needs an infusion. Get your butt to the bank immediately.

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- 6a. The CEOs of the oil companies are laughing all the way to the bank.
- 6b. The oil companies are laughing all the way to the bank.
- 7a. Bill Gates has become a giant stepping on smaller companies.
- 7. Microsoft has become a giant stepping on smaller companies.
- 8a. Chancellor Fox -fired the dean of UCSD's nonexistent law school.
- 8b. UCSD ired the dean of its nonexistent law school.

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